

Press Release

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Three Sentenced for Kansas Loan Brokers Act Violations

(Topeka, Kansas) -- Kansas Securities Commissioner Chris Biggs announced today that Erma J. Dickerson and Mr. Tammy L. Dickerson, both of Plantation, Florida, and Angela McCraw-Moore, Wichita, Kansas, were sentenced today by the Hon. David J. Kaufman in Sedgwick County District Court.

The Dickersons were each convicted of two felony counts of failure to register as a loan broker and one count of conspiracy to commit felony theft. They were each ordered to pay full restitution in the amount of \$20,750.00. They were each sentenced to 11 months prison and 24 months probation and given credit for 86 days served in jail.

Angela McCraw-Moore was convicted of conspiracy to commit felony theft for her involvement with the Dickersons. She was also convicted of three additional counts of felony theft involving Kansas residents who had provided monies to her upon the representation that she could obtain a loan for them. She was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$9,017.00. She was sentenced to 6 months prison and 12 months probation.

McCraw-Moore introduced the Dickersons to the pastors of two local churches: The Unity Temple Church of God in Christ, 1141 N. Poplar, Wichita, Kansas, and the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 2727 Ethel, Wichita, Kansas. The Unity Temple Church of God in Christ forwarded \$15,750.00 to the Dickersons for a fee to obtain a loan for the church. Saint Paul Missionary Baptist forwarded \$5,000.00 to obtain a similar loan. The monies were converted to private use by the Dickersons who were ultimately arrested in Ohio upon a warrant obtained by the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner and were extradited back to Kansas with the assistance of the Office of the District Attorney, 18th Judicial District, Sedgwick County Kansas.

The investigation and prosecution of the Dickersons and McCraw-Moore was done with the assistance and cooperation of Nola Tedesco Foulston and the Office of the District Attorney, 18th Judicial District, State of Kansas, Sedgwick County.

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